

GENERAL PLAN UPDATE
ENVIRONMENT, OPEN SPACE & SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT SUBCOMMITTEE

January 27, 2003
Ken Lee Building Conference Room

MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: Doug Reid Frank Ohrmund
 Teresa Thomas Pamela Bensoussan
 Michael Beck Laura Hunter
 Stanley Jasek Susan Fuller
 Theresa Acerro

MEMBERS ABSENT: Allison Rolfe John Chavez

STAFF PRESENT: Ed Batchelder, GPU Program Manager
 Paul Hellman, Envir. Projects Manager
 Rabbia Phillip, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER – The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:05p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES – Meeting of December 16, 2002

The motion was carried to approve the minutes of December 16, 2002, which were passed into record.

3. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chairman Reid invited comments from the public to be addressed to the committee on issues which are not being covered by the present agenda but which are within the jurisdiction of the committee.

Ms. Sharon Floyd introduced herself and raised the issue of Friendship Park to be considered as a historical site and that the 3rd Avenue extension and 4th Avenue connection with the SR-54 be recognized as an important gateway into Chula Vista.

4. VISION STATEMENT & GOAL STATEMENTS

The General Plan Update Program Manager, Ed Batchelder, introduced Sam Gennawey from MIG, Inc. as the facilitator for this meeting. He pointed out that the themes from the wall graphic created at the last meeting of this committee will be used as a guide to craft vision statements specific to this group's interests. It was requested that the Committee look at the goal statements and ensure that the major goal areas are identified and addressed in the vision statements.

Sam stated for the purpose of full disclosure that MIG, Inc. is a member of the Carrier Johnson team competing for the planning and design contract for the San Diego Port District's Bayfront property.

He stated that the purpose of tonight's meeting would be to craft 3 vision statements; one to cover the environment, one to cover open space and one to cover sustainable development. Each statement should encompass the physical aspects and also the feel, character and atmosphere of the city. The other task which will be attempted is to continue to draft goal statements for Chula Vista. These products will be forwarded to the General Plan Update Steering Committee when they meet on 2/10/03 for their use and consideration in formulating their vision statements..

There followed animated discussion and contributions from all of the members of the committee, resulting in the formulation of the following 4 vision statements:

Environment & Open Space –

Chula Vista will define its character through celebration, preservation, restoration and enhancement of its natural and historic resources.

Chula Vista treasures the culture, values and history of its unique location linking the mountains, rivers, bay and border region and embraces its responsibilities as a member of the Pacific Rim and Pacific Flyway.

The future of Chula Vista as a quality place to live, work and play, depends on the integration of critical elements including: healthy neighborhoods, quality jobs, a safe and clean environment, educational opportunities, arts, biological and cultural diversity, environmentally-friendly mobility options, abundant parks, recreation, open space and environmental justice.

Sustainable Development –

Chula Vista will aggressively promote the use of conservation technologies and practices that reduce or eliminate the use of non-renewable resources, as well as develop local non-polluting and renewable energy, water and material resources, in a way that allows us to meet our present needs while ensuring future generations the ability to meet their needs.

Staff and MIG were assigned to coordinate and prepare these statements and send to the members for review. The committee was requested to return feedback in a timely manner to the members of staff so the committee's vision statements could be finalized for presentation to the Steering Committee on 2/10/03.

4. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to the next meeting on February 24, 2003 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ken Lee Building Conference Room.

Recorded by,

Rabbia Phillip
Recording Secretary